

Troopers Investigating Assault – Pike Creek

Wilmington – The Delaware State Police are investigating an assault that took place in the parking lot of Goldey Beacom College, Monday afternoon and are asking for help in locating the suspect.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:38 p.m., Monday, February 11, 2019 in the parking lot of Goldey Beacom College, located at 4701 Limestone Rd., Wilmington. A 20 year old male subject was confronted in the parking lot by a suspect later identified as Ralph A. Cruz, 42, of Chestertown MD. Cruz proceeded to knock the victim to the ground and then struck him repeatedly with his closed fist. After the assault Cruz entered into a vehicle that was occupied by multiple other subjects, which fled onto Limestone Rd. The victim was treated at the Christiana Hospital for serious, non-life threatening injuries.

Further investigation determined that the assault was not a random act but that the victim was specifically targeted due to a prior alleged altercation with an acquaintance of Cruz.

Cruz is described as a black male, 6'1" tall, 205 lbs.

Warrants are currently on file charging Cruz with Assault 2nd Degree (Felony). Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Aviola at Troop 6 by calling 302-633-5000.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of

assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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